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DE 100 21 594 A1 discloses that the invention relates to a dust box (SB) comprising a cyclone (FKA) with an immersion pipe (T), a dust collection compartment (SB) and a filter (F). The inventive dust box (SB) is adapted for use in conventional vacuum cleaners.

DE 40 13 572 C2 discloses that the dust collection space (2) contains a holder (5) with parallel guides for a stiffening plate (6) to which the bag is attached for dust sucked in through an opening (7). The cover (4) of the space (2) is locked in position simply and reliably by a unitray slider (9) which can move parallel to the path of the cover (4) against the force of the spring (11) compressed into the base (10) of its compartment (8) by force on the protruding end (19) of the slider (9).

DE 39 20 313 A1 discloses that the flange (4) of the filter bag is guided between two mouldings (2) on a wall of the housing (1) adjacent to the wall (6) which contains the suction inlet. The mouldings (2) extend away from each other towards the top of the housing (1) so that the tapered flange (4) can take up only one desired position between them. Two opposed rocking levers (5) with recoil springs (8) can be tilted to allow the cover (9) to be imposed.

DE 1 133 094 discloses a vacuum cleaner comprising a housing (10) having an opening, a cover (24) for the housing opening, and a latch (42, 30) that releasably closes the cover (24) on the housing. A dust collector can be inserted into the housing (10) through the opening. The dust collector may include a disposable paper dust bag (74) having a panel (76),

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as shown in Figs. 1, 5, 7 and 8, a cloth dust bag (120) with a metal ring (122), as shown in Fig. 4, and a cloth bag (210) having a fabric parts attached to a metal flange (212) arranged outwardly and supporting a gasket (216), as shown in Fig. 9. A motor driven blower produces an air stream that travels through the dust collector. A movable blocking element (104, 204, 220) is held in an ineffective position when the dust collector is inserted into the housing. However, in response to missing dust collector, the blocking element (104, 204, 220) is movable into the working path of the latch (42, 30), and thereby hinders engagement of the latch (42, 30) on the cover (24).

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